BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
AND MOTION FOR ITS LATE ACCEPTANCE
(OCA/USPS-21)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-21, filed on September 3, 1997. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

The Postal Service additionally requests that this response be accepted today, three working days late. Personnel from the Inspection Service from whom the requested information was to be obtained have been out of the office, and the response could not be coordinated until today. We regret any inconvenience that this delay may have caused.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-21. Please refer to the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress, FY 1997, Volume 1, included in library reference H-220. Appendix A to this report lists reports issued to Postal Management between October 1, 1996 and March 31, 1997.

- a. Please provide a list showing reports that have been issued to postal management since March 31, 1997.
- b. Please provide a list of ongoing audits whether or not the resulting reports are expected to be completed and issued in FY 1997. Please indicate the expected completion date for each report on this list.
- c. Please provide the FY 1997 Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress for the second half of FY 1997 as soon as it is issued.

RESPONSE:

- a. This list is currently being compiled for inclusion in the impending Inspector General's Report, and will be provided with that Report.
- b. The Postal Inspection Service prepares a listing of audits for FY 1997, similar to the information provided in response to OCA/USPS-1. This list is currently being reviewed for submission to Postal Service management, and is expected to be completed in October. When this list is completed, the Postal Service will update this interrogatory response.
- c. This report will be filed with the Commission when it is issued.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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